

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-4, 7, 12, 29, 30 and 33 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-4, 7-16, and 29-40 are present for examination.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 33 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The Applicants believe that the amendments made overcome the rejection.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection***Chou***

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7-10, 12, 16, 29, 35-38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chou, U.S. Patent No. 6,154,759 ("Chou"). The Applicants believe that the amendments made overcome the rejection by including in each independent claim one or more requirements not taught by Chou. Therefore, independent claims 1, 12, and 29, and all claims dependent on these claims adding further limitations are allowable.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection***Chou and further in view of Moissev***

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 15 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chou in view of Moissev et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,945,980 ("Moissev"). The Applicants believe that the amendments made overcome the rejection by including in each independent claims one or more requirements not taught by Chou or Moissev. Therefore, independent claims 1, 12, and 29, and all claims dependent on these claims adding further limitations are allowable.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection***Chou and further in view of Gee et al.***

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 11, 13, 31 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chou and further in view of Gee et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,619,396 ("Gee"). The Applicants believe that the amendments made overcome the rejection by including in each independent claims one or more requirements not taught by Chou or Gee. Therefore, independent claims 1, 12, and 29, and all claims dependent on these claims adding further limitations are allowable.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection***Chou and further in view of Ohdake et al.***

The Examiner has rejected claims 4, 14 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chou and further in view of Ohdake et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,594,680 ("Ohdake"). The Applicants believe that the amendments made overcome the rejection by including in each independent claims one or more requirements not taught by Chou or Ohdake. Therefore, independent claims 1, 12, and 29, and all claims dependent on these claims adding further limitations are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made
Insertions are underlined, deletions are bracketed.

1. (Amended) A wallet for use with a personal information device, said wallet comprising:

a first portion integrally including an [exclusive] input device [for] to [receiving] receive user-supplied input, [wherein the exclusive input device is only for receiving the user-supplied input, and the exclusive input device is integrated with the first portion of the wallet,] and to generate a wake signal in response to receiving the user-supplied input; and

a second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said second portion to receive and detachably retain a personal information device in the form of a PCMCIA card, [said second portion including supply means electrically coupled to said exclusive input device and being adapted to supply a signal representing said user-supplied input to said information device] and to supply a signal representing the user-supplied input and the wake signal to the personal information device.

2. (Amended) The wallet of claim 1, wherein said [exclusive] input device is a touch pad in the form of a keyboard.

3. The wallet of claim 1, wherein said [supply means are] second portion includes electrical contacts adapted to contact opposing surfaces on said personal information device when retained by said wallet to supply the signal representing the user-supplied input and the wake signal.

4. The wallet of claim 1, wherein said [supply means is] second portion includes an induction coil adapted to communicate without electrical contact with

said personal information device when retained by said wallet to supply the signal representing the user-supplied input and the wake signal.

7. The wallet of claim 1, wherein said [supply means is] second portion includes a PCMCIA port adapted to be coupled to a PCMCIA I/O port of said personal information device when said wallet receives said personal information device to supply the signal representing the user-supplied input and the wake signal.

12. (Amended) A wallet in combination with a personal information device, the combination comprising:

a wallet first portion including an [exclusive] input device [for receiving] to receive user-supplied input[, wherein the exclusive input device is only for receiving the user-supplied input, and the exclusive input device is integrated with the wallet first portion] and to generate a wake signal in response to receiving the user-supplied input;

a wallet second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said wallet second portion to receive and detachably retain a PCMCIA card, said wallet second portion including output means for providing said user-supplied input and the wake signal as an output;

a personal information device in the form of a PCMCIA card, said personal information device detachably retained in said wallet second portion, said personal information device including:

a display for displaying information to the user;

an input device for receiving additional user-supplied input, and
input means for receiving data from said output means of said wallet second portion
when said personal information device is retained in said wallet first portion.

29. (Amended) A wallet for use with personal information device, said wallet
comprising:

a first portion including an integrated [exclusive] input device [only for receiving]
to receive user-supplied input, the first portion generating a wake signal in
response to the user-supplied input; and

a second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said second portion being adapted
to receive and detachably retain a personal information device in the form of a PCMCIA
card, said second portion including an interface electrically coupled to said [exclusive]
input device and being adapted to communicate with said information device, wherein
the interface delivers the wake signal to the personal information device, and the wake
signal causes the personal information device to be turned on.

30. (Amended) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said [exclusive] input device is a
touch pad in the form of a keyboard.

33. (Amended) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said [exclusive] input device is a
touch-sensitive display device operable to display information to the user, and said
interface is operable to receive from said personal information device control data, and

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said touch-sensitive display device provides a display to said user in accordance with said control data.

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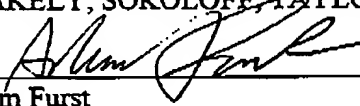
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